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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mitsuru NAKAJIMA et al.

Serial No. 09/988,251

Group Art Unit: 2161

Confirmation No. 8391

Filed: November 19, 2001

Examiner: Brian D. Goddard

For: INFORMATION SEARCH SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR USER
SPECIFICATION OF RESULT RANKING CALCULATION (As Amended)

AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on February 28, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 28, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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